



Session 3A: Chair's summary and further discussion

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Status of consultations in Asia-Pacific

- With the exception of Eastern Asia (?) country and subregional consultations are yet to be completed (at best)
- Member States have to make a decision on the way forward given the tight deadlines and resources



Implications of commenting/not commenting on the indicator list

- Sub-regions may have issues for which they want to be heard at the global level
- Indicators determine global issues given the width and depth of targets, e.g. diseases under Goal 3
- We have to consider links between global monitoring and support for capacity building



What is expected of countries for global monitoring?

- What does it mean that countries choose to collect the underlying data or produce only their priority indicators for global monitoring?
- What are the opportunities for aligning global and national monitoring?



Timeline for subregional consultations

- Use indicator list **version 25 Sep** for consultations and send comments to IAEG-SDGs members
 - Can UNSD send to all countries?
- Revised list to be distributed to IAEG-SDGs members by **14 Oct** in time for the second meeting so we have to allow time for processing of comments
 - Clarification on indicator review guidelines given to IAEG-SDGs members?
- Minor amendments to be accepted until **16 November**
- **Window for comments: 28 Sep-8 Oct?**



Timeline for global process till UNGA-2016

- **End Nov 2015/beginning Dec 2015** >> IAEG-SDGs to submit list of indicators to UNSC
(Note: countries should use the list as of Nov/Dec 2015 for internal consultations)
- **Nov 2015 – Feb 2016** >> docs prepared for UNSC in March 2016 (translation) and ready for consultations
- List submitted to UNSC 47 is “final”—adjustments possible during implementation, as in MDGs
- **March and July 2016** >> decision by ECOSOC
- **Mid July 2016** >> document submitted for UNGA
- **September 2016** >> UNGA to endorse the indicator framework



What we know in addition to timeline

- National consultations have to go beyond the NSS and involve stakeholders
- Data availability has to be assessed in the countries
 - Do countries want UNSD to collect further information on data availability?
- Support expected from the UN and partners for consultation process in Asia-Pacific



Process: What we need to decide

- Need further consultation within the sub-region?
- How to involve countries not present in the meeting here?
- Whom to involve in the consultation?
- Firm time frame: When to start and complete?
- Steps: From-to whom to send the communication?
- What are the parameters of consultation?



Follow-up actions by

- Member states?
- IAEG-SDGs members?
- UNSD?
- ESCAP?
- Others?